BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 97-340-C - ORDER NO. 97-988

NOVEMBER 18, 1997

IN RE: Request for Extended Area Service (EAS)) ORDER
Between the Communities of Greer and) DENYING
Travelers Rest.) REQUEST

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request for Extended Area Service (EAS) between the communities of Greer and Travelers Rest. We ordered that a community of interest and cost studies be filed in this matter.

These studies have been supplied to this Commission.

Implementation of this calling service would require a capital expenditure of \$76,953 and result in an annual toll loss of over \$192,800. Required monthly additives would be \$.34 for Greer and \$1.01 for Travelers Rest.

We hold that the annual toll loss presented is substantial, as well as the capital expenditure. Based on all of these studies, we must deny the request.

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This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

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Executive Director

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